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TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT TWO NOTICES OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND THE HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1,

2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2012, to accept future awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are consistent with the requirements of Notice of Award (NA) Number 1U90TP000516-01 that extend the term through June 30, 2017, at amounts to be determined by the CDC, estimated not to exceed \$35,000,000 per grant term, and allow for the rollover of unspent funds, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept: 1) CDC NA Number 5U90TP000516-03, issued on June 30. 2014; and 2) CDC NA Number 5U90TP000516-03 REVISED, issued on July 29, 2014, in the amount of \$30,956,066 consisting of \$28,981,479 in new funds and \$1,974,587 in carryover funds for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (Year 3) as follows:

Base Award:

A total of \$16,526,000 in new funds will support the Department of Public Health's (DPH) preparedness and response efforts to upgrade, integrate, and evaluate preparedness and response capabilities to address public health emergencies including acts of terrorism; infectious disease outbreaks, including influenza pandemics; food-borne disease outbreaks and other food security issues; natural disasters; and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological threats. Funding will support personnel costs, services, and supplies associated with emergency response activities related to CDC-developed public health capabilities, including community preparedness and recovery, surveillance and epidemiological investigation, laboratory testing, information sharing, and emergency operations coordination. This award reflects an increase of



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\$650,787 to the award for Year 2 based on significant unmet needs or high degree of risk assessed for a jurisdiction, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. A portion of the new funds, \$2,023,622, has been restricted, pending submission of an approved indirect cost rate agreement which was submitted by DPH on August 5, 2014.

A total of \$1,137,895 in carryover funds from Year 2 will support Emergency Medical Services coordination and collaboration, 24/7 security for the Public Health Laboratory, various public health conferences and trainings, facility lease for emergency preparedness personnel, community resilience tools and resource materials, outreach and educational supplies, responder safety and a health consultant, a public health surveillance tool, and data transmission and geo-mapping services provided by the Los Angeles County Coroner.

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI):

A total of \$3,299,780 in new funds will support medical countermeasure dispensing and medical material management and distribution capabilities as well as volunteer management related to all-hazards events including the ability to respond to catastrophic public health emergencies such as large-scale biological attacks. Activities will include establishing medication dispensing sites for the delivery of vaccine and/or antibiotics to the public, distributing medical supplies to hospitals and clinics, and managing medical volunteers. This award reflects an increase of \$148,638 to the award for Year 2. A portion of the new funds, \$397,293, has been restricted, pending submission of an approved indirect cost rate agreement which was submitted by DPH on August 5, 2014 as well as additional justification for actual overtime costs incurred as a result of emergent incidents or exercises.

A total of \$533,743 in carryover funds from Year 2 will support emergency operation supplies, a medical countermeasure logistics exercise, biological threat evaluation, emergency disease investigation, community based earthquake modeling, and facility lease for CRI personnel.

Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP):

A total of \$9,155,699 in new funds will enable the Department of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS) to continue to improve healthcare system capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health and medical emergencies. Activities will include enhancing hospital and healthcare system planning and response; integrating public/private sector medical planning and assets to increase preparedness; and improving local hospital infrastructures to help hospitals and healthcare systems prepare for public health emergencies. This award reflects a decrease of \$831,698 to the award for Year 2 as a result of federal deficit reduction efforts approved by the President and Congress. A portion of the new funds, \$302,000, has been restricted, pending submission of additional information about special projects which was submitted by EMS on August 14, 2014.

A total of \$302,949 in carryover funds from Year 2 will support EMS' ongoing efforts to improve healthcare system capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health and medical emergencies. Activities will include hosting workshops/conferences for the various healthcare sectors and developing, coordinating, and facilitating a pediatric exercise.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the NAs as to use and this delegated authority action.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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